REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed August 10, 2004, Applicants amended claims 1, 17, and 22, canceled claims 10 and 32, and added new claims 48-92. Claims 1-9, 11-31 and 33-92 are presented for examination.

The Examiner rejected claims 17 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicants amended claims 17 and 22 to obviate this rejection, so the rejection should be withdrawn.

The examiner rejected claims 1 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Lester. However, the Examiner indicated that previously pending claims 10 and 32, which depended from claims 1 and 22, respectively, would be in condition for allowance if rewritten to include all of the limitations of their base claims (1 and 22, respectively) and any intervening claims (no intervening claims). Applicants amended claims 1 and 22 to include the limitations of previously pending claims 10 and 32, respectively, and canceled claims 10 and 32. Applicants therefore request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

Applicants added new independent claims 48 and 69. Independent claim 48 includes the limitations of claims 1 and 16 as originally filed, and independent claim 69 includes the limitations of claims 22 and 36 as originally filed. The Examiner indicated that such claims would be allowable.

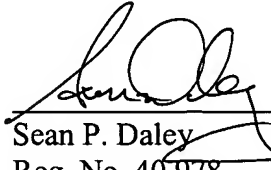Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

Enclosed is a $473.00 check for excess claim fees. Please apply any other charges to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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